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Dear Ian,

All of us in the Harvard Sussex Program wish to extend to you our congratulations on the completion of the work of the Preparatory Commission and the convening of the First Session of the OPCW. You must draw great satisfaction in having shepherded the decades-long effort of the CWC to realization.

Julian Robinson and I particularly wish to express our appreciation at being invited to attend the opening days of the First Session to be with many old friends at a time when our work together is coming to fruition.

Over the past four years we have greatly welcomed the opportunity to assist in the work of the Preparatory Commission by supporting Harvard Sussex researchers working with the Secretariat in the Hague and in Brussels and by providing participants for regional seminars and teachers for National Authority training courses, and, latterly, by arranging for Secretariat access to our CBW Events electronic data-base.

In addition to supporting researchers in The Hague and in Brussels, the Harvard Sussex Program publishes *Chemical Weapons Convention Bulletin* and maintains at the University of Sussex a major continuously updated archive of materials relevant to chemical and biological arms and arms limitation. The *Bulletin* provides a chronological account of current CBW events and a summary of recent events at The Hague. The archive is open to researchers worldwide.

Also, in association with the Pugwash Conferences on Science and World Affairs, Harvard Sussex organizes an annual workshop on implementation of the Chemical Weapons Convention. These workshops have benefited particularly from your personal participation. As you know, the fifth workshop in the series, "The CWC at Entry Into Force" will take place next month at Noordwijk in The Netherlands during 6-8 June.

We consider that our cooperative arrangement has worked extremely well. Based on that experience, we hope that it will be possible to continue to be of assistance to the Convention as we enter the implementation phase.

With all best wishes,

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Matthew Meselson